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To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg FBI/PA appeal 2/21/79
JFK-New Orleans

Recently I have been working so intensively on a long memo related to one FOIA case and a long affidavit for another, to the degree that I am not certain of my recollection of what I have sent you and what I may have started to prepare for you and did not have time to complete. In the morning I leave for two days. When I return I hope to be able to go through some stacks and get all that sorted out. However, I am pretty certain that I did send you an appeal based on attached copies of FBI San Francisco records I believe I represented as anything but complete.

Mrs. Mae Brussell gave me copies of the records she received from the FBI quite some time ago. I have a file of them and later can check it if necessary. Someone else to whom she'd sent a copy provided the enclosed t o me. It is from FBIHQ 62-109060 where it is Serial 5747. No such records are included in the New Orleans records I received. Please remember that my New Orleans request was not in terms of any one file. I do not believe it is possible for every such New Orleans record to have been included in FBIHQ records or for New Orleans not to have added any notions. For me even a file notation can be substantive information. Please also remember that I filed a separate PA request with the NO FO. Also Dallas, San Francisco among the 59.

The clear import of this record is that the FBI was keeping close tabs on those it regarded as Garrison supporters. I am certain that it regarded me as one from its pre-disposition, from my presence in New Orleans and from the long time before I took public issue with him.

This record indicates that information was to be sent to the General Investigative Division. I asked the FBI to search its files and it did not. I ask that this be done re PA and FOIA requests, please.

This record also indicates dissemination to the Secret Service. I have not been provided with any record of any such dissemination of records on me that I can recall other than a single infamous lie originating in Los Angeles about which I wrote the FBI if not also you. I recall no response.

I find it difficult to believe that the FBI had this much interest in Mrs. Brussell, who had not written a book, and less in me when by then I had published three and had the four twice intercepted in the mail in MS manuscript form.

The obliterated portion at the top of the page may refer to the Internal Security Division, which there was at the address given. That Division has been absorbed by Criminal. I have not received from Criminal any similar records relating to me including, as I recall, those origination with ISD re Stoner. I believe that withholding is improper in an historical case, as this files makes it. (For your information, this record was processed quite some time after the FBI supposedly discontinued the practice in historical cases, if I recall your testimony in C.A.75-1996 correctly.)

This is an FBIHQ record in which directives are given. HMR is readily identifiable, as is his relationship to this particular FBI interest. There should be little doubt that I was included.

It appears likely to me that some of the underlining may not have been on the record as disclosed.